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Applicants: Schwertfeger et al. Paper No. 5  
U.S. Serial No.: 09/817,459 Group Art Unit: 1712  
Filed: March 26, 2001 Examiner: Lovering, R.D.  
Title: Organically Modified Aerogels, Method for Their Production by Surface Modification of the Aqueous Gel Without Previous Solvent Exchange and Subsequent Drying and the Use Thereof

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 4) mailed on 24 July 2002. A petition for a three-month extension of time is included with this paper.

**In the Specification**

Please replace the first sentence at page 1 of the specification, above the heading "Description" (added by Preliminary Amendment filed on 26 March 2001) with the following:

This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 09/308,888, now abandoned, which was a United States National Phase Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/EP97/06595 filed on November 26, 1997.

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